

ST.MARY'S CHURCH

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Bulletin announcements need to be in by Noon on Thursdays.

Mass Schedule: Sunday Morning 10:00 AM Friday morning 8:30AM

Marriage: Contact priest 6 Months before - Baptism Call Father Ed at 336-6464

Confession: First Friday mornings 7:45AM TO 8:00AM before mass

DECEMBER 18, 2016-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT



Unless specified below mass times are as listed.

ST. BENEDICT---Sunday 10:00AM

Weekday Mass---Friday 8:30AM

BAILEYVILLE---Saturday 7:00PM and Sunday 8:30AM

Weekday Masses at 8:30 a.m. Monday thru Thursday

Mon.-Dec. 19-Baileyville-Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

Tues.-Dec. 20-Baileyville-People of the Parishes

Wed.-Dec. 21-Baileyville-Leo O'Dowd

Thur.- Dec. 22-Baileyville-Liv/Dec. Nick Holthaus Family

Fri.-Dec. 23-St. Benedict-Melvin, JoAnn, Michael

Ronnebaum

Sat.-Dec. 24-St. Benedict-Mass @ 4PM-Liv/Dec. Albert & Emma Olberding Family

Sat.- Dec. 24-Baileyville-Mass @ 7:30PM-People of the Parishes

Sun.- Dec. 25-Baileyville-Mass @ 9AM-Marvin & Anna

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COLLECTIONS for December 8, 2016: Plate: \$25.00, Envelopes: \$80.00, Flowers: \$15.00, Church Roof: \$500.00, Total: \$620.00.

December 11, 2016: Plate:\$25.25, Envelopes: \$1,942.80, Other: \$515.00, Immaculate Conception: \$.75, Retirement Fund: \$430.00, Stipends: \$10.00, Candle: \$6.00, Christmas Flowers: \$30.00, Roof Fund: \$6,748.32, Total: \$9,278.12.

THANK YOU to Fr. Ed and the choir for the beautiful Mass & music. Also, thanks to the Altar Society for the delicious food & serving the meal. Your kindness will never be forgotten..
The Helen Bergman Family

THANK YOU to all the parish council members and volunteers that help setup the manger scene and all the other volunteers that help with the decorating. It was greatly appreciated!

SCHOOL CHILDREN are invited to sing at Mass on today, December 18. Grades 5th thru 9th grades.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS--Christmas poinsettias may be purchased as memorials this holiday season. Please put \$15 in the collection basket for each memorial with the name of your loved one by December 18. Thank you.

FIRST COMMUNION-If you plan on your child making First Communion at St. Mary's Parish, please contact Lisa Holthaus at ldalinghaus@yahoo.com. Also, all 2017 First Communicants are invited to bring up gifts at the Christmas Eve mass at St. Mary's.



CHRISTMAS EVE MASS--The 2017 First Communicants will gather in the back of church before mass to bring up baby Jesus for the processional. They will also bring up gifts.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

4:00PM - Christmas Eve at St. Benedict

7:30PM - Christmas Eve at Baileyville

9:00AM - Christmas Day at Baileyville

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

Seneca - Sunday, December 18 - 3:00PM

St. Benedict - Sunday, December 18 - 7:00PM

ANOINTING OF THE SICK is scheduled for Jan. 15, 2017.

HIGH SCHOOL CCD CLASSES-No Classes until January 4, 2017.

ELEMENTARY CCD will resume on January 4.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE: Dec.18, Jan. 8 & 22, Feb 5 & 19, March 5 & 19, April 2 & 30 and May 8.

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN—It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas.—Charles Dickens

Ministries for Dec. 24-Nativity of the Lord-Mass @ 4PM

Servers: Nate Deters, Will Engelken, Andrew Wichman
Eucharistic Ministers: Kyle Haverkamp, Craig Olberding, Kristina Sudbeck, Mary Schmitz, Dan Tangeman

Lector: Alan Schmitz

Commentator: Don Lueger

Ushers: Parish Council Members

Offertory: Colton Blume, Gus Rusche, McKenzie Rottinghaus, Tyler Nolte, Brady Koch, Courtney Stallbaumer, Rachel Nordhus, Bryen Hulsing, Lavin Stallbaumer.

Rosary: No Rosary-Private Prayer Time-Enjoy Christmas Music

Organist: Marilyn Holthaus, Kayla Sudbeck, Marlene Deters

Cantor: Staci Haug & Adult Choir

Soloist: Megan & Kayla Sudbeck

Flutist: Katrina Larkins



ALTAR SOCIETY EVENTS & NEWS

BINGO AT LIFE CARE NURSING HOME is every 3rd Wednesday at 2:00PM. **NOTE TIME CHANGE-**December 2016-Betty Sudbeck ®, Theresa Sudbeck (J), Denise Haverkamp, Laurie Stallbaumer, Leanna Rottinghaus, Nikki Rottinghaus, Danise Mohney, Kathleen Meiers.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are sick, taking treatments, hospitalized or still recovering: Leroy Tangeman, Brad Bowhay, Margie Miller, Ivan Rottinghaus, Clara Krogman, Aiden Berkhart, Lyle Rottinghaus, Monica Olberding Countryman, Brad Hammes, Laura Schmelzle, Karsyn Aylward, Ambrose Martin son of Larrissa Nordhus, Martin, Eldon Kriley, Mary Lally, Kenny Olberding, Dennis Bergman, Greg Fangman, Jed Henry, Tim Sack, Victor Holthaus, Paul Kramer, Sara Conroy, Joyce Koch, Kathleen Ronnebaum.

RAISE THE ROOF FUND

PROJECT GOAL	\$60,000.00
40 DONATIONS	25,009.07
3 PLEDGES	\$550.00
ROOF SETTLEMENT	\$10,000.00
REMAINING GOAL	\$24,440.93

THANK YOU for supporting the Spiritual T-Shirt fundraiser. We raised over \$700 for the Raise the Roof Campaign.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION-Catholic Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas exists because there is need. Because of our generosity, they are able to meet this need every day. Our help is someone's hope. Give generously to this year's Christmas Collection. Catholic Community Hospice recognizes patients who are Veterans with individual ceremonies attended by family members, the Veteran volunteer and the Hospice team. The program is part of the We Honor Veterans national initiative in partnership with the VA. Catholic Community Hospice serves people of all faiths and is the only Catholic Hospice in the Kansas City area. To learn more, visit catholiccommunityhospice.com.

COFFEE AND SILENCE-Wednesday, January 11, 2017 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Come for a morning or a day. Spend time in silence. Walk our beautiful grounds. Visit our Saint Scholastica Chapel. Coffee is provided. Arrive any time after 9:00 a.m. Bring a sack lunch and spend the day. Leave by 4:00 p.m. For more information or to register, call 913-360-6173 or visit Sophia Spirituality Center's website at www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org.

HALL & CHURCH is spoken for on these dates for 2016:

Dec. 18-Sudbeck-Hall
Dec. 25-Engelken-Hall
Dec. 31-Lueger-Hall

HALL & CHURCH is spoke for on these dates for 2017:

Jan. 8-Anointing of the Sick after 10AM Mass
Jan. 8-Schmitz Hall
Jan. 9 –Finance Council Meeting @ 7PM
Feb 5-Annual Soup Day
April 9-Easter Egg Hunt-Hall
April 16-Hall-Scott
March 19-Holthaus-Hall
May 7-May Crowning-Church
May 27-28-29-St. Benedict Alumni-Hall
May 27-James Smith-Church-First Mass
June 10-Stallbaumer & Edelman Wedding-Church
June 14-Annual Hall Cleaning
June 25-Annual Church Picnic
July 9-Stallbaumer Hall
Aug. 6-Schmitz-Hall
Nov. 23-Scott-Hall
Dec. 9-Hall-Halley/Rottinghaus
Dec. 16-Bergman-Hall
Dec. 25-Scott-Hall

DVD'S of THERESA RETTELE'S Tour of St. Mary's Church is available at the Rectory for the cost of \$10.00.

150th ANNIVERSARY BOOKS are still available. The book provides the unique story of St. Mary's Parish from its founding. The family photos are sure to be cherished in decades to come. Copies available for pickup at the Rectory; leave a message at 336-3174 or email to Mary Beth at tahaverkamp@bbwi.net. Copies also are available through the Kansas Rural Water Association office located west of Seneca. Your grandchildren or great-grandchildren will appreciate having a copy.

GENEALOGY--The parish has acquired genealogy information on many families of the parish including Bergman, Boeckman, Deters, Engelken, Fangman, Grosser-Holthaus, Haug, Haverkamp, Heiman, Grobe-Holthaus, Holthaus, Huertter, Hulsing, Lierz, Kramer, Krogman, Mohrman, Olberding, Rethman, Ronnebaum, Rottinghaus, Sextro, Strathman, Strathman B, Stegeman, Sudbeck, Wichman. Suggested donation is \$20.

NCEMS PTO SPAGHETTI SUPPER will be on December 15 from 5 to 7 PM at the NCEMS Cafeteria. Serving spaghetti, breadstick, salad and dessert with tea and water. \$5 a person-2 years and younger eat free. \$5.50 for takeout.

CHWC-Sacred Heart Parish, Baileyville and St. Mary's Parish, St. Benedict, have 8 students and 2 adult sponsors making plans to attend **Catholic Heart WorkCamp** in Oklahoma City, OK, June 18-24, 2017. To help raise funds, they are planning their annual **pork chop/chicken breast supper** on **New Year's Eve**, from **5:00 – 8:30 p.m.** in the Sacred Heart Church Hall. Tickets for the pork chop or chicken meal are \$15.00. A hotdog meal is available for children for \$5.00.

BAILEYVILLE CYO BREAKFAST will be on Sunday January 8, 2017.

THE 2017 BAILEYVILLE BENEFIT is for Sarah Conroy, Zachary Engelken, Bethany Ohlsen and Jase Suther. It is scheduled for January 28th & 29th at Nemaha Central High School with the auction scheduled to start at 6:00pm on Sunday. Donations for the auction, chance stand, or wheel are very much welcome and appreciated! You may also bring in donations of food (i.e. pies, desserts, cinnamon rolls, cookies, etc) to the concession stand Saturday morning to sale throughout the tournament. If you have any questions or would like to donate in any way (including volunteering to work a couple of hours), please contact Kenny or Diane Schmitz at 336-6252, 336-1771 or e-mail kdschmitz@bbwi.net.

YEAR-END GIFTS OF STOCK Using appreciated assets such as stocks, bonds and mutual funds to make yearend charitable gifts has tax advantages to those who itemize deductions. Gifts mailed or delivered by December 31 will be acknowledged for tax purposes in the 2016 tax year. Simple instructions for making a stock gift to the parish or other charities within the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas are available at www.archkck.org/waystogive. Contact the Stewardship and Development Office, at 913-647-0365 or email steward-ev@archkck.org for help with your gift.

NOT to insult yours, but there's a higher intelligence than yours.

"GOD'S LITTLE GREEN ACRE" SEMINARIAN SUPPORT

You are invited to join Catholics across the Archdiocese in giving thanks for our seminarians and support them as they study for the priesthood. Farmers can donate the proceeds from one acre of their crops, and those who don't farm but want to "grow" vocations can make a donation in any amount. This Christmas the donations will be divided among our seminarians to help them pay for textbooks and living expenses. They greatly appreciate these funds since they have no income. For questions call 913-647-0303 or email vocation@archkck.org. Mail donations to: Arch KCK Vocation office, 12615 Parallel Pkwy, Kansas City, KS 66109.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK If you know you are being admitted to a hospital, please inform your pastor or parish priest prior to your hospitalization and ask for the sacrament of reconciliation and anointing of the sick. This is a great opportunity for pastors to administer these sacraments to parishioners in light of the ongoing pastoral and sacramental relationship that already exists between parishioners and their pastor. Hospital priest chaplains make it their priority to ensure the "Sacrament of the Sick" is offered to Catholic patients, especially when in danger of death. So, please contact your parish priest, if you know you will be hospitalized in the near future, and let him know you would like to receive these sacraments before your hospitalization.

MARRIAGE MINUTE December 18, 2016

It's almost here, but not yet! This 4th Sunday of Advent is so tough for our children. They can hardly wait to open the gifts that are taunting them under the tree. Children can think, "If only I can open those gifts, I would be so happy." Unfortunately, this attitude fails to recognize that happiness is not dependent upon some future event no matter how far or near in the future it lies or how joyous the particular event will be, and Christmas gift opening is pretty joyous! Happiness is experienced in the present moment. We married couples can sometimes fall into the same trap. We think that some future event will transform our marriage. "If we had more money, we would be happy" (or something similar). What if we seized the opportunity for a more joyful marriage by giving the gift of marriage enrichment for Christmas? Discover your blueprint for a more joyful marriage at www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com.

PROJECT RACHEL-You are lovedAfter abortion, Maybe you don't love yourself but that is not God's way. Divine Mercy loves unconditionally, everyone. Let Project Rachel show you the many ways of healing. FREE, CONFIDENTIAL. Call or email Patricia at 888-246-1504 or projectrachelk@archkck.org. Project Rachel is a ministry supported by Call to Share.

SUMMONED BY GOD—As Christmas draws near, Advent's scriptures lure us into a world of dreams, signs, wonders, and the miracle of the virgin birth. Too often we allow the great stories of our faith, the ones that are most familiar, simply to wash over us. Today's Gospel account of the events leading up to the birth of the Lord reads like a present-day soap opera. Yet Joseph's courage, even in the midst of what must have been an incredibly confusing time, provides a model for us. Each week, we are summoned by God to embrace the way of goodness and truth through the proclamation of God's holy word. Like Joseph, we are called to do as the Lord commands us. As we stand at the threshold of Christmas, let us have the courage to be open to whatever it is that the Lord will require of us as we celebrate the miracle of Bethlehem. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

AS we were putting out cookies for Santa on Christmas Eve, I accidentally dropped one. "No problem," I said, picking it up and dusting it off before placing it back on the plate.

"You can't do that," argued my four-year-old.

"Don't worry. Santa will never know."

He shot me a look. "So he knows if I've been bad or good, but he doesn't know the cookie fell on the floor?"